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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277  
Motonori NAKAMURA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 3413  
Serial No.: 09/977,348 : Group Art Unit: 2874  
Filed: October 16, 2001 : Allowed: May 04, 2004  
: Examiner: KIM, ELLEN E.  
For: OPTICAL FIBER DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CITED ART**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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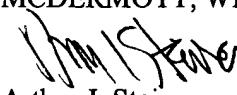
We are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated May 04, 2004.

It is noted that cited art filed October 16, 2001 and December 14, 2001 has not been considered. Enclosed are copies of the Information Disclosure Statements and PTO-1449's filed on October 16, 2001 and December 14, 2001. The each of these references cited in the IDS's were noted in the specification on pages 3 and 28.

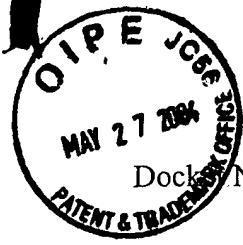
Applicant hereby respectfully requests that:  
the appropriately acknowledged PTO-1449s be furnished to Applicant; and  
the record be clarified to confirm that the cited art has been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the documents be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

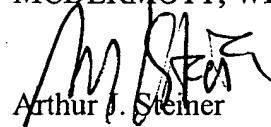
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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

**OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

"Optical Fiber Technology in ISDN Era" OKUBO, Katsuhiko, 1989, Rikogakusha, Chapter 3, pp. 3-10-3-11.

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